

*"Our department
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to recognize
environmental
stewardship"*



Jim Fyke,
Commissioner

Dear Tennessean:

We live in a state blessed with an abundance of natural resources and a diverse landscape that attracts visitors from all corners of the country. Our shared environment—from the Memphis Sands to the Smoky Mountains—is a cornerstone of the lifestyle that we enjoy, impacting everything from our recreational activities to the health of our communities.

Many Tennesseans go above and beyond to protect and preserve our natural resources. Through their outstanding actions and commitments, these environmental stewards help to make Tennessee the place we love. Our department makes it a priority to recognize environmental stewardship through the Governor's Environmental Stewardship Awards.

On behalf of the department, I invite you to submit an application for a Governor's Environmental Stewardship Award. Information about how to do this can be found within this brochure and on our web site. Thanks for all you do to enhance Tennessee's quality of life.

Sincerely,

James H. Fyke

Contact Us

For more information about the Governor's Environmental Stewardship Awards, please send an email!!!

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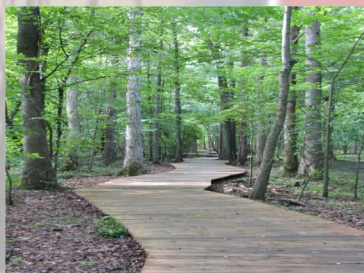


Recognizing outstanding
achievements by individuals,
businesses, organizations,
educational institutions, and
agencies for successful
environmental projects and
conservation measures.

2009 Nomination Guide

Eligibility

- Nominees must be located in Tennessee
- Nominees must not have any outstanding non-compliance issues in the past three years with TDEC
- Nomination forms must be received prior to the deadline of March 31, 2009



Peterson Lake Nature Trail
Collierville, TN
2008 Greenways and Trails Winners

Criteria

The following values are the basis of the criteria used to judge the nominations:

- **Ambition:** Projects are ambitious relative to the size and resources of the nominee
- **Innovation:** Projects contribute creative methods to improve and protect the environment
- **Education:** Projects promote public awareness, student education, or employee/volunteer training
- **Cooperation:** Projects involve collaboration among various entities
- **Achievement:** Projects demonstrate measurable environmental and economic benefits
- **Commitment:** Projects demonstrate a

Governor's Awards for Environmental Stewardship

Agriculture/Forestry

Aquatic Resource Preservation

Building Green

Energy Leadership

Environmental Education and Outreach

Green Schools

- K-12
- Green Schools

Greenways and Trails

Hazardous Waste Reduction

Lifetime Achievement

Natural Heritage Conservation

Parks and Recreation

Pollution Prevention Award

Solid Waste Reduction

Nominations from a particular organization may be submitted in more than one of the above categories.

Examples of past award and their projects can be found online at www.tn.gov/environment/awards



The Harpeth Hall School
Nashville, TN
2008 Green Schools K-12 Winner

Nominations

- Nomination forms are available online at www.tn.gov/environment/awards.
- Nominations will be accepted starting January 1, 2009.
- Nominations must be postmarked by March 31, 2009 at the latest.
- Self-nominations are encouraged!



Tennessee Aquarium Research Institute
Chattanooga, TN
2008 Excellence in Aquatic Resource
Preservation Winner

Recognition

- Award recipients will be invited to participate in the annual Governor's Environmental Stewardship Award ceremony to be held in June 2009.
- Award Recipients will also be acknowledged in a TDEC press release, featured in *"The Tennessee Conservationist"* magazine, and profiled on the TDEC Awards Web page.